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SUBJ: PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS ON CONTROLLING TECHNOLOGY
THROUGH PRODUCT CONTROLS

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1. REQUEST USDEL TABLE PAPER ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AT
JANUARY 31 DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC:

A. THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE INITIATIVE OF THE
NETHERLANDS IN SEEKING WAYS TO CONTROL PRODUCTION TECH-
NOLOGY EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING
CONTROLS ON END PRODUCTS ONLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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B. THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS COMPREHENSIVE CONTROLS ON
THE EXPORT TO THE EAST OF TECHNICAL DATA. ACCORDINGLY,
FROM THE STANDPOINT OF U.S. CONTROLS, IT IS NOT NECESSARY
TO EMBARGO THE PRODUCT IN ORDER TO RESTRICT THE FLOW OF
TECHNOLOGY FOR ITS PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR
THAT OTHER COCOM MEMBERS HAVE IN PLACE REGULATIONS WHICH
WOULD PERMIT THEM TO DO THIS.

C. IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO DISCONTINUE THE EXISTING BASIS FOR CONTROLLING TECHNOLOGIES UNTIL A SATISFACTORY

ALTERNATIVE IS FOUND.

D. DETAILED ITEM BY ITEM EXAMINATION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE AS EARLY AS MARCH. WHILE US IS GIVING PRIORITY TO ITEM 1355 AND TO EMBEDDED MICROPROCESSORS IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING LIST REVIEW, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANALYSES OF THESE COMPLEX TECHNICAL ISSUES WILL BE FAR ENOUGH ADVANCED FOR USEFUL DISCUSSION IN MARCH.

E. SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA BY OTHER DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO A MEETING WOULD MAKE THE DISCUSSIONS MORE PRODUCTIVE. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF OTHERS ON:

1) HOW TO RETAIN EXISTING CONTROLS ON TECHNOLOGY UNCHANGED WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF RETAINING CONTROLS ON END PRODUCTS ONLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2) THE ITALIAN SUGGESTION MADE AT THE DECEMBER 13-15 SPECIAL COCOM MEETING THAT COCOM DEVELOP MODEL LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE CONTROLS ON TECHNICAL DATA, INCLUDING SUGGESTED ELEMENTS FOR INCORPORATION IN SUCH LEGISLATION.
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3) OTHER MEANS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS.

4) HOW TO GO ABOUT SORTING OUT WHICH ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION NOTES DEFINE PRODUCTS NOW UNDER EMBARGO PRIMARILY TO PROTECT TECHNOLOGY FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND WHICH HAVE OTHER JUSTIFICATIONS.

F. VIEWS OF OTHER DELS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS TO MOST PRODUCTIVE TIMING AND AGENDA FOR A MEETING, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ABOVE. VANCE

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